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1. DURING MY AUGUST 19 CALL ON FONOFF STATE SECRETARY VAN WELL (SEPTEL), HE MENTIONED THAT FRANCE HAD PROTESTED TO SOVIETS (DUBININ OF FONOFF) OVER SOVIET SLANDER CAMPAIGN AGAINST FRANCE CONCERNING MILITARY ARMS SUPPLIES TO SAG AND COOPERATION WITH SAG ON NUCLEAR ARMS DEVELOPMENT. SO FAR THERE HAD BEEN NO SOVIET RESPONSE. VAN WELL AGAIN EXPRESSED HIS DISGUST AT THE SOVIET ALLEGATIONS AGAINST FRG ON SAME SCORE (REFTEL), AND SAID FRG WOULD SHORTLY PROTEST TO SOVIETS AS FRANCE HAD DONE AND AT SIMILAR LEVEL. FRG WOULD INFORM SOVIETS THAT SUCH PROPAGANDA IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH DETENTE AND WITH THE FREQUENTLY EXPRESSED SOVIET DESIRE TO HAVE SECRET

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SERIOUS TALKS WITH THE FRG.

2. VAN WELL SAID THAT IF SOVIETS DID NOT ANSWER FRG WITHIN REASONABLE PERIOD OR IF RESPONSE WERE UNSATISFACTORY, FRG WOULD CONSIDER MAKING A PUBLIC STATEMENT CRITICAL OF THE SOVIET STANCE. STOESSEL

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